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FURTHER ELECTION OF SPECIES, AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, Applicants wish to refine their election of species in light of the Examiner's action. Applicants respectfully elect with traverse to prosecute an invention wherein the first fruit or vegetable is a citrus fruit and the second fruit or vegetable is an apple. Claims 1-4, 6-13, 16-24 and 40-41 are therefore readable on the elected species. Notwithstanding Applicants election, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw his restriction requirement for the reasons which were cited in Applicants' previously filed papers.

REMARKS

After entering the previously filed amendment and with Applicants election of species in this paper, claims 1-24 and 40-41 are pending in the present application, with claims 1-4, 6-13, 16-24 and 40-41 being readable on the elected species.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number set forth below, should there be a need to discuss this restriction requirement and Applicants proposed election of the amended claims.

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